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FABIO CINELLI, ET AL.

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For DISPOSABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLES WITH
IMPROVED ADHESIVE FOR ATTACHMENT TO THE
SKIN TO FACILITATE WATER ADHESION
STABILITY WITH LOW PAIN LEVEL REMOVAL

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 24, 2003

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This response is timely filed pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.8 and M.P.E.P. §512.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of PCT Application No. PCT/US00/02706 filed on February 2, 2000 and published in English, which claims priority to EP Application No. 99102048, filed on February 2, 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 5, 12, and 21 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An adhesive for a disposable absorbent article:

said disposable absorbent article comprising a wearer facing surface and a garment facing surface opposed thereto;

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